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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please remove the subject matter filed January 11, 1999 in the response to Notice To Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide And/Or Amino Acid Sequence and Preliminary Amendment which gives rise to the Examiner's new matter rejection of ¶5 in Paper 25 ( 7/13/01 Office Action) and ¶3 of Paper 19 (09/26/00 Office Action).

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims (marked up version attached in Appendix), such that pending claims are as follows:

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A fusion protein consisting of an upstream portion, a cleavage site, and a human erythropoietin receptor polypeptide consisting of a human erythropoietin receptor extracellular

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